









## BIG SANDY NEWS.

### COURT DIRECTORY.

Circuit Court.—Judge, I. M. Baird. Begins on 1st Mondays in February and August. Terms of four weeks.  
Criminal Court.—Judge, J. M. Rice. Begins on 1st Mondays in June and December. Terms of four weeks.  
County Court.—Judge, S. H. Hunt. Begins on 1st Mondays in each month. Sessions on 1st Mondays in March, June, September and December.  
Common Pleas Court.—1st Monday in March, June, September and December.

### TOWN DIRECTORY.

Justice Court.—Regular session, 1st Monday in each month.  
Board of Trustees.—Tuesday after 1st Monday in each month.

### MASSONIC DIRECTORY.

Apprentice Lodge, No. 195, F. & A. M.—Stated meeting, 1st Monday in each month.  
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Thursday, September 20th, 1888.

County Court was in session this week.

Tuesday was pay-day on the Chattahoochee.

Col. Swope is advertised to speak here to-morrow.

W. Remmel returned yesterday from Cincinnati.

Mr. A. Snyder was down the river a few days ago.

Mr. Milt Preston passed up on the train yesterday.

Rev. D. B. Holt is spending a few days with relatives here.

Circuit Clerk A. J. Garred and wife are in Cincinnati this week.

Rev. Simpson will preach at the M. E. Church South next Sunday.

Deputy Revenue Collector C. M. Preston was in Louisa a few days ago.

Messrs. J. F. Hatten and James Stump, of Rockville, were in town Friday.

Mr. F. R. Moore and wife, of Blaine, spent a few days in Louisa recently.

Dr. Hudgins and wife, of Logan C. H., W. Va., have been visiting in Louisa.

Mr. J. P. Wallace, a leading cigar dealer of Maysville, was here last week.

Sam Strachan, agent and operator at White House, is at home for a short stay.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hughes went to Cincinnati yesterday to take in the Exposition.

Mr. Alex. Lackey was appointed County Treasurer by the Commissioners last week.

Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Freese and little daughters returned Tuesday from a trip to Cincinnati.

A goodly number from this vicinity attended the reunion at Ashland yesterday and to-day.

Mr. Robt. Burchett, of Pikeville, came down to-day for a short visit to relatives in this vicinity.

For lame back, side or chest, use Shiloh's Porous Plaster. Price 25 cents. G. T. Ross, Druggist.

Our Market for Saturday.—Fresh Oysters, Fresh Fish, Celery and Cranberries. E. Norris & Co.

Mrs. Fisher, of Ashland, was here last week visiting her son, Ed, our accommodating station agent.

J. W. M. Stewart has returned from Cincinnati, and will enter upon the practice of law at this place.

Croup, Whooping Cough and Bronchitis immediately relieved by Shiloh's Cure. G. T. Ross, Druggist.

The dwelling of W. D. Roffe caught fire yesterday morning, but the flames were extinguished with but little damage.

D. C. Spencer has enlarged his business room in the St. Lawrence hotel building, and now has a full stock of groceries.

Shiloh's Vitalizer is what you need for Constipation, Loss of Appetite, Bloating, and all symptoms of Dyspepsia. Price 10 and 75 cents per bottle. G. T. Ross, Druggist.

Miss Lizzie Durbin, of Cincinnati, is here visiting her former schoolmates, Misses Nora Borders and Gipsie Northup.

Dr. Berry is repairing the Main street addition to the St. Lawrence hotel, which he recently purchased, and is fitting it up for offices.

P. H. Loar returned yesterday from Floyd county, where he has been for some time looking after timber business of Loar Bros.

Catarth Cured, health and sweet breath secured, by Shiloh's Catarth Remedy. Price 50 cents. Nasal injector free. G. T. Ross, Druggist.

Conductor Wm. Myers, of the Chattahoochee, took his family to Cincinnati Tuesday on a pleasure trip. Alex. Williamson is running Myers' train.

We are informed that M. E. Ingalls, a prominent railroad man, has purchased the Chattahoochee Railway. We have learned no particulars of the purchase.

### Wanted.

A large amount of HICKORY for axe handles. For quality and prices apply to SNYDER BROS.

Mr. L. W. Hatfield, Assistant Doorkeeper of the Farmers' Alliance, which held a meeting at the Forks of Hood last Saturday, was in our office Monday.

Will You Suffer with Dyspepsia and Liver complaint? Shiloh's Vitalizer is guaranteed to cure you. G. T. Ross, Druggist.

The Odd Fellows lodge of this place petitioned the County Court to appoint a committee to care for M. Drake and his property, and M. S. Burns was appointed.

### New Meat Shop.

I have opened a meat shop in the old hotel building on Main street, and will have the best meat constantly on hand. W. N. SULLIVAN.

Marshal Hatfield, of Catlettsburg, brought Israel Stapleton to this place last Monday, there being a charge of bigamy here against him. Stapleton's bond was fixed at \$300, and failing to execute it, he was placed in jail.

### Russet Apples for Sale.

Any person desiring Russet apples for making apple-butter or other uses can get the best by applying at the post-office or to W. N. SULLIVAN.

A suit of clothing was stolen from E. H. Porter last week at the Chattahoochee hotel. The thief was caught at Catlettsburg yesterday, when it was found that he was wanted in several other places for stealing. He is now in jail at Catlettsburg.

### Being More Pleasant.

To the taste, more acceptable to the stomach, and more truly beneficial in its action, the famous California liquid fruit remedy, Syrup of Figs, is rapidly superseding all others. Try it. One bottle will prove its merits. For sale in 50c and \$1 bottles.

The building which has been standing on Main Cross street near the old hotel is being removed to a corner of Mrs. Sullivan's lot on Water street, and will, after repairs are made, be occupied by the post-office and H. C. Sullivan's jewelry store.

The Bear creek Democrats raised a pole near Rockville last Thursday which is 117 feet long. Hon. T. H. Paynter addressed the large crowd which was in attendance, and much enthusiasm prevailed. The flag was hoisted by the ladies present. The Democrats down there are good ones, and are well organized.

Shiloh's Cough and Consumption Cure is sold by us on a guarantee. It cures Consumption. G. T. Ross, Druggist.

Louisa's enterprising young grocer, Mr. E. Norris, is fitting up for a new venture. He is preparing to serve oysters, fish, etc. in the most palatable order. Everything will be first-class. He will have an experienced caterer in charge, and no pains nor expense are being spared in making it attractive. Saturday night will be the opening night.

Startling Discovery.—The discovery by the inhabitants of a locality hitherto unvisited by the pestilence scourge of fever and ague, that it exists in their very midst, is decidedly startling. Such discoveries are made at every season, in every part of the Union. Subsequently, it is ascertained, as it invariably is, that the cause of the disease is the malarial element, which is everywhere present, and which, when it enters the system, it produces the disease. The discovery of the malarial element, and the discovery of the cause of the disease, is a discovery of the most important nature, and one which will result in the cure of the disease. The discovery of the malarial element, and the discovery of the cause of the disease, is a discovery of the most important nature, and one which will result in the cure of the disease.

The following general averages are results of the examination held last Friday in the principal's Department of the Louisa public schools:

Reba Lackey, Phoebe Northup, Hester Roffe, Neva Stewart and Maria Waldeck, each 100; Daisy Atkins, Miriam Hatcher, Annie Johns and Becca Vinton, 98; Ida Billups, 93; Tennie Copley, 94; Janie Vinson, 91; Minnie Stone, 88; Inez Ferguson, 87; Grace Eaves, 85; Lida Hale, 81; Millie McHenry, 71.  
Jeff Justice, 100; Geo. Vinson, 99; Fred Marcus, Sam Smith, 98; Geo. Waldeck, 97; Cam Layne, 95; Ora Atkins, 93; Ben Strachan, Charlie Hayes, 90; Jay Vinson, 87; Frank Johnson, Fred Shannon, 86; John Burns, 73; Earnest Shannon, 72.

At an election held by the Louisa Chapter, R. A. M., on Sept. 14th, the following officers were elected: J. H. Northup, H. P.; A. Lackey, K.; G. F. Johnson, S.; J. H. O'Brien, C. H.; J. W. Jones, P. S.; J. A. Waldeck, R. A. C.; R. J. Prichard, G. M. 3rd V.; D. J. Burchett, G. M. 2nd V.; L. H. York, G. M. 1st V.; F. T. D. Wallace, Treas.; A. J. Conley, Sec.; W. H. Waldeck, Guard.

Messrs. Lucien Johnson and W. J. Crutcher and wives, of Peach Orchard, returned Saturday from a week's stay in Cincinnati. They visited "home folks" here before going on to Peach Orchard.

Bleepless Nights, made miserable by that terrible cough, Shiloh's Cure is the Remedy for you. G. T. Ross, Druggist.

The appointments made by the M. E. Church Conference at Louisville for the Ashland district are as follows:

E. B. Hill, Presiding Elder; Ashland, G. R. Frenger; Blaine, C. S. Markin; Compton, W. H. Crain; Catlettsburg, J. G. Dover; Coalton, A. M. Abbott; Flat Gap, N. G. Grizzle; Jeffersonville, W. B. Sneed; Louisa, J. S. Cox; Paintsville, Cyrus Riffe; Pikeville, J. S. Sturgill; Prestonsburg, J. R. Howes; Russell, D. P. Holt; Salsersville, Jasper Fields.  
Rev. Stratton is sent to West Covington.

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Save the Children. They are especially liable to sudden Colds, Coughs, Croup, Whooping Cough, etc. We guarantee Accker's English Remedy a positive cure. It saves hours of anxious watching. Sold by G. T. Ross, Druggist.

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### Democratic Meeting.

The Little Blaine C. & T. Club met at James Adams', Sept. 15, 1888. Despite the inclement rain, quite a number were present. Mr. Adams' barn shed was resorted to, which furnished ample shelter for all. Judge J. R. Dean occupied the speakers' stand for an hour and a half, giving a clear and practical exposition of the "Protective tariff" folly. James H. Moore followed and made some very pointed remarks. Considerable enthusiasm exists. Adjourned to meet again at Mr. Adams' Sept. 27, 1888. An effort will be made to procure good speakers. Also music. YOUNG DEMOCRAT.

### Little Blaine.

A little son of Mrs. L. Moore was bitten by a copperhead last week, but it will not prove fatal.  
Judge Dean and Jas. H. Moore addressed the Democratic Club at Jas. Adams' last Saturday. A large and enthusiastic crowd was present.  
Amos McKinster is visiting here.  
Rev. Z. H. Moore is talking of moving to the mouth of Hood in the near future.  
Doc Webb and W. H. C. Thompson are building our school house. Our school will commence in the near future with Rev. Marion Moore as principal.  
Rev. M. Moore has been very sick with flux but is improving. RYDER.

### Derefield.

People are all busy saving fodder and making sorghum. Smith Jobe and Jno. Hughes recently completed a new barn for H. C. Hicks. Our school has stopped for two weeks. E. W. Jobe is able to go about. W. C. Holbrook was taken with paralysis last week. Samantha large is very low. L. C. Carter had a boss spelling match the other night. The Twin Branch alliance will meet at the school house Saturday week. S. D. J. M. and J. N. Jobe were visiting on Cat's fork Sunday. We are glad to see the citizens at Oliveville interested in the club. Rev. Boggs will preach at Sand Branch the first Sunday in October. All are invited to come. Tom. [Send names of C. & T. Club and will try to find room for them.—Ed.]

Accker's Blood Elixir is the only Blood Remedy guaranteed. It is a positive cure for Ulcers, Eruptions or Syphilis Poisoning. It purifies the blood system, and banishes all Rheumatism and Neuralgia pains. We guarantee it. G. T. Ross, Druggist.

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"I was afflicted some three years with scalp disease. My hair was falling out and what remained turned gray. I was induced to try Ayer's Hair Vigor, and in a few weeks the disease in my scalp disappeared and my hair resumed its original color."—(Rev.) S. S. Sims, Pastor U. B. Church, St. Bernard, La.

A few years ago I suffered the entire loss of my hair from the effects of tetter. I hoped that after a time nature would repair the loss, but I waited in vain. Many remedies were suggested, none, however, with such proof of merit as Ayer's Hair Vigor, and I began to use it. The result was all I could have desired. A growth of hair soon came out all over my head, and grew to be as soft and heavy as I ever had, and of a natural color. Truly, it is a great blessing. J. H. Pratt, Spoford, Texas.

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# UNDER A CLOUD; —OR— CLEARING HIMSELF.

The Thrilling and Absorbing Story  
of a Great Crime.

BY JENNIE DAVIS HURTON,  
AUTHOR OF "HER LIFE'S SECRET," AND  
OTHER STORIES.

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## CHAPTER VII.—CONTINUED.

He felt stiff and sore when he rose next morning, but he was on hand at the police court, as were also Lyman Childer and Hiram Ingot, when the burglar was brought in. The latter, wearing to the name of Abraham Stone, put in a plea of not guilty to the charge of house-breaking preferred against him, and was remanded for trial, the judge fixing his bail at one thousand dollars.

"In lieu of which you will be locked up until the time of your trial, which will take place a week from to-day. Deputy, remove the prisoner."

A well-known lawyer, of no great reputation, here came forward and addressed the judge:

"Your honor, I am here to offer bail for the prisoner."

"I must have good names," said his honor, crossly, but the man of law smiled serenely as he produced a plecthoric pocket-book.

"I am ready to deposit the collateral. That is satisfactory, I suppose," said his honor, looking at the money.

"It satisfies me, and I hope that whoever is back of you takes \$1,000 worth of interest in this fellow. My word for it, he'll never show up again."

And the crowd proved that his honor was right. Long before the day of trial came around he was hunted in vain, for \$1,000 was identified as among the cash stolen from the express company on the night of the story opens.

## CHAPTER VIII.

AN EVENING AT THE EVERLEIGHES.

As may be supposed, there was a good deal of excitement over the discovery of this fact regarding the stolen money, and the bold use to which it had been put, and, strangely enough, one person who took a great interest in the matter was Althea Everleigh.

She had reason for so doing, since two of her friends were connected with that robbery in different ways.

Miss Everleigh read the papers, and knew what all the fuss was about, and Lyman Childer's loss, and the lowering cloud which threatened Norris Bergman's fair future; for the papers had been slow to intimate that there had been reasons beyond those given for his discharge by the express company.

The interest which she had always felt in that friend of her childhood revived after her party night, and when she saw him on the sidewalk one day as she was taking her afternoon drive, a week or so later, she spoke to the coachman, who drew up close to the curb, while she leaned out and beckoned to him.

"You have been very remiss, sir, in neglecting to pay me a party call, but it seems that I may as well get into the habit of forgetting you. If you are not busy, let me give you a turn on the avenue. Now, don't refuse, Norris, for I really want to talk to you."

To refuse after that would have been ungracious; and besides, Norris felt that the diversion of a drive in that pleasant company would really do him good.

For the last week he had been worried, nettled and thoroughly perplexed. To have one of those robbers safely caught, and then to let him go again, was in itself enough to vex him, and he was less clear in his mind after that circumstance about some things which he had settled for himself before.

He had convinced himself that Hiram Ingot was the purveyor of Lyman Childer's package—a package which the latter had declared of comparatively no account—and there was one of the other party attempting to commit a second robbery in Lyman Childer's house. Had he the first attempt, then, fallen short of his object? Was there an understanding between the thieves whose projects had seemed separate and distinct?

In addition to the mental disquiet and the bruises he carried, he had taken a cold which confined him for several days to his lodgings, and he had grown morbid and low spirited to a degree quite unknown to him usually.

Miss Everleigh's quick eyes noticed the difference, though she did not openly remark it.

"Papa is much better, thank you," she answered his question. "I think now that it was more mental than physical. Was there with him. He is not fit for the worries of business as he once was, therefore I am glad to tell you that he is about taking in a younger partner. He has a great deal of confidence in Mr. Childer's abilities, and says that young blood will put new energy into the business, which has been flagging of late."

"Lyman Childer, do you mean?"

"Yes, the present partner. He has come into money lately, which he is putting in, Norris, do you know, I have just learned that the money was dreadfully needed. Papa has confessed to me that he is very much embarrassed, but he will make him all right. I never could have forgiven myself if he had failed or any thing of that sort."

"There is nothing to blame yourself for, Althea. You did not suspect."

"No, but I have been very extravagant and very thoughtless. I intend to meet my ways from this time out. I have set about learning housekeeping already. Come and take dinner with us to-morrow, and tell me what you think of my progress. Mr. Childer and his sister are to be there."

There was both bitter and sweet in her information for Norris. The barrier was there between Carol and himself; he was

years since I have had a vacation. I am in too hurry to end this one."

She understood, however, that he was waiting for the breath of suspicion to pass by.

"That next evening—would be ever forget it—was a happy breathing space between the perplexities of the past and the further perplexities which the future was to bring.

Neither Lyman nor Carol had expected to see him there, for frowns darkened the brow of the former; the rosy lines deepened in the latter's cheek.

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He was restless and feverish the next day, and though he rose and dressed with the assistance of the chore-boy, he was glad enough to take to a lounge, where he put in two or three days of such misery as men experience when kept indoors, without being so desperately ill as to take their thoughts from outdoor things.

Uncle Amos came, determined to carry him home to the cottage, and was only deterred by the doctor's declaration that he was better off without a change.

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HOUSE.—Mr. Hayes (Tex.) presented the conference report on the fortifications appropriation bill, and it was adopted. Mr. Blount (Ga.) from the Committee on Post-offices and Pensions, reported a bill authorizing the Postmaster-General to advertise for and purchase improved mail locks and keys. He requested immediate consideration for the bill, which was agreed to, and the bill was passed. Hiram introduced a bill to amend the act relating to the provisions of the act for the collection of direct taxes in the insurrectionary districts of the United States for the purpose of exempting cotton bagging from the payment of duty. The conference report on the sundry civil bill was taken up, and the Senate amendment was agreed to. The House resumed the consideration of the sundry civil bill, and the pending amendment, being that relative to the reclamation of the arid regions, Mr. Blount (Ga.) made an earnest appeal for economy in the public expenditures, declaring that the waste of the public money and a reduction of taxation were utterly inconsistent. Mr. Cannon (Ill.) advocated the amendment and reminded the House of the fact that the bill would increase the expenditure of money for great national objects, when the expenditure was honestly and judiciously made. Mr. Holman offered a substitute for the Senate amendment, which was adopted. The House then passed the bill, which was agreed to. At 5:15 p. m. the House adjourned.

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HOUSE.—The debate on the Senate amendment in regard to irrigating the arid land was resumed, and the bill was finally agreed to. The amount being reduced from \$20,000 to \$10,000. The amendment to provide for a zoological park in the District was discussed, and the House passed the bill, which was agreed to. At 5:15 p. m. the House adjourned.

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